

A FEW GRAY HAIRS



A Newsletter of the Georgetown Council on Aging

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Director's Notes... To any child, the arrival of August often seems to signify the end of easy summer days. My family in Ontario says that there are two seasons – winter and July! As August arrives, the running joke in the family is whether or not we can see ice forming on the river! Since we lived outside of Ottawa, the arrival of August always meant the arrival of the annual Ottawa Exhibition. At that time, the Ottawa "Ex" was still very much an agricultural fair with barns of livestock for patting, displays of farm and garden produce, horse shows (including the Mounties and the Musical Ride) and a wonderful midway – with a double Ferris wheel that still haunts my dreams! My friend and I will never forget the night that we were stopped at the very top of the double Ferris wheel! We were almost too terrified to look at the lights of the city between our fingers! But, we did and it was beautiful! When it was time for the "Ex", there was always a twinge of regret that the summer was drawing to a close. After we moved to Newburyport, my sister and I would associate the arrival of Yankee Homecoming with the end of summer. Although we had at least another four weeks before school would begin, we were already moping about the end of summer

and all related fun. Now as an still hold some wonderful stroll on the boardwalk in stand for freshly picked corn, (with maybe a hot dog or two any excuse to visit one of are wonderful ways to still summer days August can hold



adult, I know that August can summer days. An afternoon

Newburyport, a stop at a farm an evening concert in a park to please the husband) and our local ice cream stands enjoy some of our precious many delights and...

I hope that you can enjoy some late summer treats before the ice forms on the river!

Crosby's Marketplace Sponsors Men's Breakfast

Reflecting true community partnership, Crosby's Marketplace will sponsor the COA's monthly Men's Breakfast program again this Now in its 11th year of sponsorship, Crosby's Marketplace has allowed us to increase our monthly program with additional participation. On an average we serve 20 men per month! Breakfasts include a variety of speakers and a home-cooked meal. The COA Marketplace thanks Crosby's sponsorship and encourages all men to join us for good food and fun each month. For more information, please call the COA office at (978) 352-5726.



Thank you to Corona Magner Sadly, we have had to say goodbye this summer to our dear friend Corona Magner who has moved to a warmer climate and new adventures. Corona has served as a Council on Aging board member for 15 years. We couldn't ask for a stronger supporter of the COA's mission to serve elders and the community. Whether she was

folding newsletters, serving at a special function or attending meetings, Corona was a model of grace, compassion and a commitment to service. We will miss her but wish her the very best as she enjoys all the joy that will come with this new chapter in her life.



ALL ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT GEORGETOWN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

CALL US AT 978-352-5726.

AUGUST VAN SCHEDULE 2018

| Shopping Date | Location | Recreation Date | Location |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Aug. 2 9:30 | Super Walmart/Salem, NH |
| Aug. 7 | NO VAN – Brown Bag Only | Aug. 9 10:30 | Plaistow, NH |
| Aug. 14 9:30 | Riverside/Haverhill | Aug. 16 10:30 | Mann's Orchard/Methuen |
| Aug. 21 9:30 | Seabrook, NH | Aug. 23 10:30 | North Shore Mall/Peabody |
| Aug. 28 9:30 | Newburyport | Aug. 30 10:30 | Westgate/Haverhill |

JOIN US MONDAY - THURSDAY MORNINGS from

8:30-11 a.m. for cards and cribbage games! Puzzles, coloring materials & a pool table (call for availability) are also available for drop-in use. Hot coffee and snacks are a great way to meet-up with friends!

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: Wed. Aug. 1, 9:30 a.m.

Public Health Nurse **Pam Lara** provides blood pressure checks, heart assessments, & medication information & discusses any medical concerns seniors have.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Thurs. Aug. 2, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Bill Boylan will speak on local history. With great appreciation, the COA thanks Crosby's Markets for their sponsorship. To make reservations, call 978-352-5726.

Next breakfast: Sept. 6 Speaker: TBA

SHINE OFFICE HOURS: Mon. Aug. 20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. SHINE Counselor Jerry Goldberg will be here to answer health insurance questions. APPOINTMENTS MUST BE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE COA OFFICE. If you cannot come to the scheduled hours, the COA can contact our SHINE counselor to make other arrangements for you. To schedule an appointment, call (978) 352-5726.

Local Legislators' Office Hours

State Rep. Lenny Mirra & Senator Bruce Tarr, or their representatives, will be on hand at the **Georgetown Senior Community Center** to meet with constituents to answer questions, hear comments or provide assistance. The next scheduled office hours for both will be:

Tues. August 21, 11 a.m. - noon

The public is welcome. No appointment necessary. If you cannot come to the Center, both legislators can be contacted through the email addresses below.

Rep. Lenny Mirra: Leonard.Mirra@MAhouse.gov Sen. Bruce Tarr: Bruce.Tarr@masenate.gov For more information, contact the COA at 978-352-5726.

SEATED MEDITATION CLASS:

Mon. Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 1:30 p.m. (See page 3.)

BOCCE & ICE CREAM: (See page 3.)

Wed. Aug. 8, Bocce: 12:30 p.m. Ice Cream: 1:30 p.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR LIVING WITH LOSS:

Tues. Aug. 21, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

SUMMER CLASSIC MOVIE: "CASABLANCA" & PIZZA
Thurs. Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m. Pizza: 12 p.m. (See page 3.)

AUGUST BIRTHDAY: Wed. Aug. 29, 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we send best wishes to our friends who were born in August. Birthday celebrants will receive a free lunch (everyone else is \$2). Lunch reservations are required. **RSVP before 8/22/18 to assist with planning.** To make reservations, please call the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

Free Legal Help offered by Atty. Elaine Dalton

No office hours in August



Health & Wellness Classes

All classes are held at Georgetown Senior Community Center unless otherwise noted.

Newcomers & beginners welcome.

There is a SUGGESTED DONATION of \$3.00 per class.

| Class | Meets on | Time |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Seated Meditation Class | Monday | 1:30 p.m. |
| Yoga (Bring a mat or towel) | Monday | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. |
| Strength Training | Tuesday | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tai Chi | Thursday | 12:30 p.m. |
| Fitness Room | Mon. – Thurs. | Call for equip. Availability |

New Walking Program

Meets Rain or Shine

Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.

Participants will meet at the GSCC and will embark on one of several pre-determined routes.

Walking Club is free of charge.



This program has been provided by a grant awarded to the MCOA by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Seated Meditation Classes Continue

Mondays: Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Georgetown Senior Community Center Facilitated by Petra Horgan

The classes will feature seated meditation with:

- focus on breathing,
- guided meditation & visualization,
- learning the benefits of meditation.
- Suggested donation of \$3.00

For more information, call the COA at 978-352-5726.



Come one! Come all! Novice to Expert... **Bocce and Ice Cream**

Wed. Aug. 8

12:30-1:30 p.m. = Bocce 1:30-2 p.m. = Ice Cream

Come on down for some fun exercise and cool off with a sweet treat.

Please sign-up by calling the COA at 978-352-5726.



Summer Classic Movie Series

Thursday Aug. 30, 10 a.m.

Georgetown Senior Community Center

Enjoy a presentation of

"Casablanca" Starring
Humphry Bogart/Ingrid Bergman

followed by a special PIZZA LUNCH at noon!

Please sign-up by calling the COA at 978-352-5726.

Coming in Sept.:

Home improvement Contract Safety
Presented by
Robin Putnam/Consumer Protection

Robin Putnam/Consumer Protection Tues. Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

Senior Charlie Card Day

Sponsored by

Georgetown COA & Senator Bruce Tarr's Office

(Tentatively) **Tues. Sept. 18**Watch for further details

The Senior Charlie Card is a service for elders 65 years or older. It can be used to receive reduced fares on all MBTA transportation services including buses, the subway, commuter rail line and ferries.

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"Swallowing Sweetness –

The facts about Sugar"

Sponsored by Elder Services of Merrimack Valley

Join Registered Dietitian, Leigh Hartwell, for an interactive nutrition lesson about sugar on

Wednesday Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m.

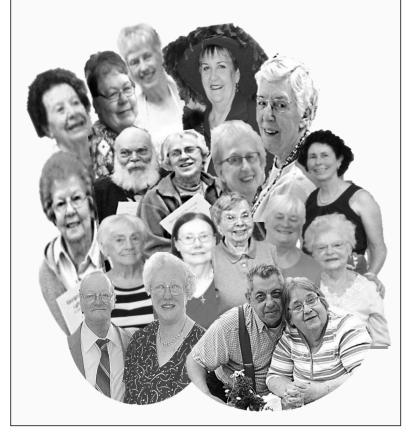
Topics include:

- ♥ types of sugar,
- ♥ food and beverage sugar content,
- **▼** health effects of added sugars,
- ♥ tips to cut back on added sugars, and
- **♥** artificial sweeteners.
- ♥ Q&A with a dietitian will also take place.

For more information on any of these programs, please call the COA at 978-352-5726.

Georgetown Senior Community Center

Come and join us for an informative class, exercise, fun activities and/or a meal. It's a great way to reconnect with friends...or make new ones!



Ongoing & Monthly Activities

For more info on any activities call the COA 978-352-5726



COA Marketplace: Nonperishable items are located at GSCC. No income restrictions apply. Appointments are required by calling 978-352-5726.

BINGO: Mon. at 12:30 p.m. \$1 per card covers all games.

WINTHROP STAMP CLUB: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 1-4 p.m. General meeting followed by stamp auction (open to public).

<u>Knitting Group:</u> 2nd & 4th Thurs., 9:30-11:30 Drop-ins welcome.

 $\underline{\textbf{Grief Support for Living with Loss:}} \ \ 2^{nd} \ Tues., \ 1:30\text{--}3 \ p.m.$

Emergency Quilts for Comfort: 2nd & 4th Tues., 12- 2 p.m. Free. Fabric/batting provided. Drop-ins/beginners welcome.

<u>Beginner's Quilting Class:</u> 2nd & 4th Tues., 2 – 3 p.m.

Free. Fabric/batting provided.

Mah Jong Group: Wed. at 12:30 p.m.

Book Club: 4th Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m.

Georgetown Summer Concert Series

Ice House Pavilion ~ American Legion Park
Sunday evenings 5-7 p.m.

Bring your own seating. Food vendors will be on the premises.

Aug. 5: Justin Panigutti Band/American Rock & Soul

Aug. 12: Byfield Parish Praise Band

Aug: 19: The Budds Band

Aug. 26: Liz Bills & The Change/The Kelly Girls

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Free Summer Concerts @ The Library

The Georgetown Public Library is hosting a variety of free concerts on Wednesdays this summer at the Library, 2 Maple Street, Georgetown.

Aug. 1: 6:30 p.m. Lyle Brewer

Lyle Brewer is a guitarist. He plays original instrumental music influenced by folk, jazz, & classical music.

Aug. 8: 6:30 p.m. Plum Island Pans

Engaging multiple steel drum ensembles, this group covers a number of styles and genres of music including traditional steel drum, reggae, jazz & billboard hits.

For more information, contact the GPL@ 978-352-5728 or Georgetownpl.org.

2003

Free Fun Fridays 2018

Sponsored by the Highland Street Foundation, Boston Globe & WCVB5-(abc)

Totally free admissions every Friday, all summerthrough August 31. Below is a sampling of activities. For a full schedule contact HighlandStreet.org, call 617-969-8900 or check the bulletin board at GSCC.

Aug. 3: Franklin Park Zoo
Historic Deerfield
The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

Aug. 10: Boston Harbor Islands Nat'l & State Park
Wenham Museum
Fuller Craft Museum

Aug. 17: JFK Presidential Library & Museum
Plimoth Plantation
New England Historic Genealogical Society

Aug. 24: Heritage Museums & Gardens Emily Dickinson Museum Museum of African American History

Aug. 31: Old Sturbridge Village Norman Rockwell Museum Cape Ann Museum

Council on Aging Services

For information on any of the following services, contact the COA at (978) 352-5726.

TRANSPORTATION/SHOPPING:

The Van is available Tuesdays & Thursdays for door-to-door for shopping and errands. Reservations should be made at least two days in advance by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726. Monthly Van Schedules are printed in the Newsletter. A small donation is suggested to help with program expenses.

TRANSPORTATION/MEDICAL:

Northern Essex Elder Transport, Inc.

This program provides rides for elders to medical appointments. Arrangements should be made at least **ONE WEEK** in advance by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726. If the office is closed, please leave a message (and remember that the COA is not open on Fridays). After the ride is arranged, the **DRIVER** will call you the day before the ride. A donation of 43 cents per mile is suggested to help support the program, but no one is turned down due to inability to pay. Please remember: Reservations must be made through the COA office. Clients should not call the drivers directly.

RING & RIDE: Medical, Shopping & General <u>Purpose</u> Transportation & Medi-Ride

Ring & Ride is a free shared van service available to Georgetown residents. It requires 24 hour notice w/reservations made through MVRTA (978-469-6878, option #3). The van can be used for any purpose including medical and shopping in Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, Groveland, Newburyport, Lawrence, Methuen, Newbury/Byfield, North Andover, West Newbury, & Rowley Train Station & Market Basket. MVRTA also provides Medi-Ride to Boston area hospitals. For brochures, contact the COA.

HANDICAP PLACARDS

The COA has applications for **HANDICAP placards** available from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Meals on Wheels

Available to eligible seniors by calling Elder Services of Merrimack Valley at 1-800-892-0890.

Congregate Meals

The COA Meal Site offers nutritious lunches Monday-Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. Please make reservations by the previous Wed. by calling the COA or in person at the Georgetown Sr. Comm. Ctr.

FOOD AND HEAT RESOURCES

For information & assistance w/state & local resources, contact the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

Board of Health Nurse

On the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Pam Lara, RN is available at the Georgetown Sr. Community Center to perform blood pressure checks, etc.

S.H.I.N.E.

<u>Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone will help you understand your health insurance concerns.</u> Appointments can be scheduled with SHINE counselor Jerry Goldberg @ Georgetown Sr. Community Center. See newsletter for specific dates.

EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

COA has medical equipment (Walkers, Canes, Wheelchairs, Bath Seats, etc.) for long- or short-term lending.

FILE OF LIFE & YELLOW DOT PROGRAMS

Both programs provide a health history document to be used by emergency personnel in case of illness or injury. One is for your home, the other for your car.

HEALTH CARE PROXIES

COA has fact sheets and Health Care Proxy forms available upon request.

THE FILE A handy folder which serves as a summary of record of Financial Information, Investments & Insurance, Legal Documents & Estate Management information.

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Georgetown Council on Aging 51 North Street Georgetown, MA 01833

Return Service Requested

We strive to keep our mailing list up-todate. Please let us know if you would prefer not to receive the newsletter or if the addressee is no longer at this address.



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Monday – Thursday 8 am - 4 p.m.

Georgetown Senior Community Center 51 North Street Georgetown, MA 01833

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Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

C.O.A. board meetings are open to the public. They are held at 12:45 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Georgetown Sr. Community Center 51 North Street, Georgetown NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday August 28, 2018

Georgetown Council on Aging:

Director: Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello **Office:** Julie Pasquale, Newsletter Kirsten Klueber, Outreach Dave Hall, Van Driver

Meal Site Coordinator: Mickie Locke **Board Members:**

Esther Palardy, Chair Sue Clay, Vice Chair Caroline Sheehan, Treasurer Jean Perley, Secretary/Clerk Jill Benas, Diane Prescott, Nancy Thompson, **Alternates:** Darcy Norton, Diane Klibansky

Town of Georgetown:

Michael Farrell, Town Administrator Joe Bonavita, Board of Selectmen, Chair Douglas Dawes, Board of Selectmen, Clerk Gary Fowler, Board of Selectmen Steven Sadler, Board of Selectmen Charles Durney, Board of Selectmen

Georgetown COA Webpage is located on the town's official website www.georgetownma.gov.

Council on Aging Mission Statement: The main objectives of the Georgetown Council on Aging are to advocate on behalf of older adults, to identify their needs, to develop and implement services to meet their health, economic, social and cultural needs, to encourage maximum independence and to improve their quality of life.

Inclement Weather Policy: The Georgetown Council on Aging and Senior Center will be open for business in inclement weather unless all Georgetown town offices are closed. If the Georgetown Public Schools are closed, there will be no van rides or NEET rides, and all COA activities/programs will be cancelled. If the Elder Services of Merrimack Valley Lunch Program is closed, there will be no lunches served at the COA Meal Site located at the Georgetown Senior Community Center.

August Menu - Lunch reservations must be made by the previous Wednesday. Call (978) 352-5726. Lunch is served Monday through Wednesday at the Georgetown Sr. Community Center at 12 p.m. Cost is \$2.00.

Congregate meals are made possible in part by funding from the Older Americans Act as granted by Elder Services of the M. Valley Nutritional information regarding meals is available upon request by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

| Monday | <u>Tuesday</u> | Wednesday |
|---|---|--|
| | | Sweet n'Tangy Meatloaf/Sauce, Mashed Pot, Brussels Sprouts, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit, Roll |
| 6 American Chop Suey, Green Beans, Peaches, Italian Bread | 7 Frittata (vegetables/egg/ham), Mashed Pot, Baked Apples, Yogurt, Oat Bread, Juice (no milk) | 8 Asian Salad: Chix/Lettuce/Mandarins/Crispy Noodles/Asian Drsg, Pasta Salad, Fruit, WW Roll |
| 13 Hot dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Mixed Veg, Pineapple | | 15 Meatballs/Honey Garlic Sauce, Rice, Garden Salad/Parm Cheese, WW Roll, Fresh Fruit |
| 20 Chix Parm, Pasta/Marinara Sauce, Cauliflower & Broccoli, Pears, Italian Bread | 21 Cheeseburger/Bun, Roast Pot, Coleslaw, Brownie Cookie | 22 Turkey/Gravy, Mashed Pot, Carrots, WW Roll, Fresh Fruit Salad |
| 27 Salisbury Steak/Gravy, Sweet Pot, Capri Veg, Peaches, WW Dinner Roll | 28 Aloha Chicken, Rice, Corn & Black Beans, Oat Bread, Fruit Ambrosia | 29 Pulled Pork/BBQ Sauce/Bun, Roast Pot, Chef's Choice Veg, Fresh Fruit |

Strength Training Update As of June 19, 2018

Strength Training Classes are now held on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Georgetown Senior Community Center.

| AUGUST VAN & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | | |
| | | 1 9:30 BOH Nurse 9:30 Yoga 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jong | 2 9:30 Mens' Breakfast 9:30 Van: Super Walmart 8:30 Walking Club 12:30 Tai Chi | | |
| 6 9:30 Dolls | 7 No Shopping Van- | 8 9:30 Yoga | 9 10:30 Van: Plaistow, NH | | |
| 10:30 Yoga | Brown Bag | 12:00 Lunch | 8:30 Walking Club | | |
| 12:00 Lunch | 8:30 Walking Club | 12:30 Mah Jong | 9:30 Knitting Group | | |
| 12:30 Bingo | 9:30 Strength Training | 12:30 Bocce | 12:30 Tai Chi | | |
| 1:30 Seated Meditation | 12:00 Lunch | 1:30 Ice Cream | 1:00 Stamp Club | | |
| 13 | 14 9:30 Van: Riverside/Hav'll | 15 | 16 | | |
| 9:30 Dolls | 8:30 Walking Club | 9:30 Yoga | 10:30 Van: Mann's Orchard | | |
| 10:30 Yoga | 9:30 Strength Training | 12:00 Lunch | 8:30 Walking Club | | |
| 12:00 Lunch | 12:00 Lunch | 12:30 Mah Jong | 12:30 Tai Chi | | |
| 12:30 Bingo | 12:00 EMS Quilts for Comfort | | | | |
| 1:30 Seated Meditation | 2:00-3:00 Beginners' Quilting | | | | |
| 20 SHINE Appts. available | 21 9:30 Van: Seabrook, NH | 22 | 23 | | |
| 9:30 Dolls | 8:30 Walking Club | 9:30 Yoga | 10:30 Van: North Shore Mall | | |
| 10:30 Yoga | 9:30 Strength Training | 12:00 Lunch | 8:30 Walking Club | | |
| 12:00 Lunch | 11-12 Sen. Tarr Office Hrs. | 12:30 Mah Jong | 9:30 Knitting Group | | |
| 12:30 Bingo | 11-12 Rep. Mirra Office Hrs. | | 12:30 Tai Chi | | |
| 1:30 Seated Meditation | 12:00 Lunch | | 1:00 Stamp Club | | |
| | 1:30-3 Grief Support Group | | | | |
| 27 9:30 Dolls | 28 9:30 Van: Newburyport | 29 | 30 | | |
| 10:30 Yoga | 8:30 Walking Club | 9:30 Yoga | 9:30 Van: Westgate/Haver'll | | |
| 12:00 Lunch | 9:30 Strength Training | 12:00 Birthday Lunch | 8:30 Walking Club | | |
| 12:30 Bingo | 12:00 Lunch | 12:30 Mah Jong | 10:00 Classic Movie | | |
| 1:30 Seated Meditation | 12:00 EMS Quilts for Comfort | | (Casablanca) | | |
| | 12:45 COA Board Meeting | | 12:00 Pizza Lunch | | |
| | 2:00-3:00 Beginners' Quilting | | 12:30 Tai Chi | | |

Van Trips: The cost is \$2.00 roundtrip. The pick-up time for Tuesday shopping trips, as well as the monthly Thursday trip to Super Walmart in Salem, NH, is 9:30 a.m. The pick-up time for all other Thurs. trips is 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Please confirm pick-up times when you call. Make your reservations ASAP by calling the COA at (978) 352-5726.

